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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Wilson Ornithological Chapter enters upon another year in better condition than it has been since its birth. While there has been no great accession of members during the past year, several men have been added of whom we expect much.

During the year, the reports of two committees for special investigations have been published. Both publications, the Warbler and Crow Bulletins, have attracted enviable attention. The demand for these reports has exceeded the number of copies printed, and praise has come from some of the most prominent ornithologists of the country.

I have given Mr. Lynds Jones charge of all the special work, with power to arrange for such committees as he might see fit. It is needless for me to say anything about his qualifications for such a position. His ability and experience are well known. As president, I wish to urge upon the members the necessity of general and hearty coöperation with Mr. Jones and the chairmen of committees appointed by him. A few members have sent in admirable reports. We want more such.

Negotiations are under way toward securing an official organ, of which we stand in such great need. We hope to make an early announcement of the satisfactory completion of these negotiations, by sending to each member a copy of this official organ. It is not intended to make this organ supply the place of our Bulletin reports, but rather to serve as a means of regular communication between members.

An amendment has been properly presented, which proposes to dispense with the nominations for Vice-President, and to declare the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes for President as the Vice-President. Adverse votes should be sent to the Secretary within thirty days.

R. M. STRONG, *President*.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

During the year just closed, two Bulletins were published: The Crow, by Mr. Frank L. Burns, and a preliminary report on the Mniotiltidae, by Mr. Jones. An amendment to article IV, section IV of the Constitution, whereby the Treasurer receives all dues and assessments direct, instead of through the Secretary, was approved.

Respectfully,

J. E. DICKINSON, *Secretary*.

FROM THE SECRETARY.

Again I thank you for the honor you have conferred on me the second time, and shall try to perform my duties to your entire satisfaction. During the year 1895 we began a four year's study of the Mniotiltidae. Three members were appointed to supervise as many departments of the work. Have we assisted these members as much as we were able? Do we fully realize the time and money each of these chairmen must spend, and their responsibility? Can we hold those who have assumed such positions responsible for the report they must make, if we do not assist them? Let us flood those chairmen with so many notes, in the next three years, that they will have to hire help to get from beneath the pile! If we *all* send just such notes as we make in a season what a volume it would make! and the Chapter would fill the position it is destined to fill.

Respectfully,

J. E. DICKINSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 1, 1896.

RECEIVED.

Balance on hand from 1895,	\$ 6 26
Annual assessments from various members,	34 00
For publications, current and back numbers.	17 90
Contributions for publishing Bulletins Nos. 4 and 5,,	40 50
Total received,	—————\$98 66

PAID.

Expressage and postage on publications,	\$ 5 81
Postage on Treasurer's notices to members,	1 35
Election Bulletin and postage on same,	2 06
Bulletin No. 4, Warbler Report,	22 00
Bulletin No. 5, Crow Report,	50 00
Total paid,	—————\$81 22
Balance on hand,	—————\$17 44

ELECTION REPORT.

MR. R. M. STRONG, President W. O. C.

Dear Sir:—I find the vote for officers of the Wilson Ornithological Chapter to be as follows :